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EMD Committee Meeting
April 17, 2008 9:30 a.m.
De Champlain Conference Room, Maine EMS, Augusta
Minutes

Members Present: Stephanie Gibbs – Chair, Peter Bragdon, Linda Dunno, Brian Gregoire, Fran Hudson, Kathy Blagdon

Staff: Drexell White, Steve Bunker

Guests: Laura Downing, Randi Lemieux, Jim Ryan, Brodie Hinckley, Arthur Green

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

The Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

B. Review/Accept October 18, 2007 minutes

The committee reviewed the October 18, 2007, minutes.

Motion: To accept the October 18, 2007 meeting minutes (Dunno; second by Bragdon – motion carries – unanimous)

2. Old Business

A. Staff Report

Drexell White reported that he has conducted 15 site visits to date. The purpose of the site visits is to become familiar with the EMD Centers and personnel and to talk with EMD Center directors about continuing education, quality assurance/quality improvement and renewal licensing requirements.

B. ESCB Report – Steve Bunker

C. RFP Update

Steve Bunker reported that:

- ESCB survived the latest round of budget cuts without staff loss;
- An additional 2+ million dollars is be taken from the 9-1-1 fund to cover state shortfalls. LD 2265 has been submitted to decrease the 9-1-1 surcharge to decrease the amount of funds available for appropriation to cover general fund shortfalls;
- Robin Dayton has joined the ESCB staff. Robin is assisting Maria Jacques with addressing and database issues.

- The combined ESCB/ MEMS Request For Proposal (RFP) that included the RFP for a single EMD protocol was withdrawn due to technical issues. The RFP is being reworked and will be re-posted ASAP. The revised RFP may separate the EMD RFP from the ESCB's general dispatching RFP.

Steve questioned the group regarding initial EMD training needs. Several members expressed concern that with the delay in the RFP, the ESCB needed to provide EMD training courses to fill current needs.

Motion: That the committee recommends that the ESCB schedule and conduct initial EMD courses given the current need and given that the EMD Request for Proposal (RFP) has been withdrawn, thereby causing a delay in the single protocol implementation (Bragdon; second by Dunno – carries unanimously).

3. New Business

A. Continuing Education Categories and Requirements

- a. Hour Requirements and Categories
- b. Program Eligibility for CEH

The discussion on EMD continuing education requirements began with a question as to why so many hours were required in the BLS topics (medical) section for a profession that relies so heavily on specific scripted protocols.

Discussion continued about the category distribution of the required 24 hours of continuing education required for EMD license renewal and if there were options for redistributing the hours to put more emphasis on EMD operations and to also allow for elective type CEH.

Members and guests shared their experiences in attempting to meet EMD relicensure requirements.

Consensus was to hold an all day meeting in May to discuss EMD CEH requirements.

B. EMD Courses for New Hires - Addressed in 2.C above

4. Next Meeting

The next EMD Committee meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday May 15, 2008 at Maine EMS in Augusta.

5. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White